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S. 2380, to amend various provisions of the mineral leasing laws so as to encourage exploration and development of the oil and gas reserves of the public domain (pp. 9593, 9596-8).

S. 2381, to increase the amount of public land that any one person, etc., may hold under an oil and gas lease (pp. 9598-9).

8. STOCKPILING. The Minerals, Materials, and Fuels Economic Subcommittee submitted a report (June 23) containing findings and recommendations to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, pursuant to S. Res. 143, directing a study of the accessibility of strategic and critical materials (including agricultural products) to the U. S. The following is an excerpt from the report: "Obviously if we adopt free trade we should abandon our entire price support program. If we do not do this, we would be attempting to support farm prices all over the world at the expense of the American taxpayer." A committee print of this report is available in the Legislative Reporting Staff for lending purposes.

#### HOUSE

9. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION. Passed, 309-36, without amendment H. R. 9709, to extend and amend the unemployment-compensation program (pp. 9490-522). The bill contains a provision which is described as follows in the committee report:  
"H. R. 9709 provides for unemployment insurance for Federal civilian workers, including Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands, and elsewhere, if citizens of the United States. (Nearly all of the exceptions to coverage are identical with the categories of Federal workers excluded from the Social Security Act for purposes of the old-age and survivors insurance.) Unemployment compensation will be payable to such Federal workers who are unemployed after December 31, 1954. A Federal worker's rights to benefits are to be determined under the unemployment-compensation law of the State to which his Federal services and wages are assigned. Usually, this will be the State in which the worker had his official station when he became unemployed, or, if he has been in Foreign Service, the State in which he resides when he files his claim. Compensation will not be paid for the period with respect to which accrued annual leave is paid upon separation."

10. RESEARCH; FORESTRY; FARM LOANS. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment S. 2367, to authorize USDA research appropriations to be available for accomplishing their purpose by contract (this authority is now limited to research under the Research and Marketing Act ) (H. Rept. 2100); and H. R. 9345, to grant the consent and approval of Congress to the Southeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact (H. Rept. 2099); and with amendment S. 3487, to authorize the Central Bank for Cooperatives and the regional banks for cooperatives to issue consolidated debentures (H. Rept. 2101) (p. 9544).

The Committee also ordered reported (but did not actually report ) H. R. 6393, to grant the consent and approval of Congress to the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact (p. D798).

11. PESTICIDES. Concurred in the Senate amendment to H. R. 7125, to amend the Federal Food Drug, and Cosmetic Act so as to improve, simplify, and speed up the procedure thereunder in regulating the amount of residue which may remain on raw agricultural commodities after use of pesticide chemicals (p. 9522). This bill will now be sent to the President.



12. TRADE AGREEMENTS. Both Houses received the President's message transmitting a report on the inclusion of escape clauses in existing trade agreements; to House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee (H. Doc. 470) (pp. 9489, 9547).
13. TRAVEL. Passed as reported H. R. 179, to provide for payment of expenses of round trip transportation of Federal employees and their immediate families, but not household effects from posts of duty outside continental U. S. (pp. 9489, 9527). This bill had earlier been reported with amendments by the Government Operations Committee (H. Rept. 2096) (p. 9544). As passed, the bill allows payment for round trip travel of the employees and their immediate families from their posts of duty outside the continental U. S. to places of actual residence at time of appointment or transfer to such overseas posts of duty and who are returning thereto for the purpose of taking leave prior to serving another tour of duty at the same or some other post outside continental U. S.
14. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION. Passed, 347-O, H. R. 9640, to extend and improve services under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (pp. 9488-89). Vacated earlier passage of this bill, and passed S. 2759, a similar bill, after amending it to contain the language of H. R. 9640. House and Senate conferees were appointed. (pp. 9523-7, 9607-11.)
15. FCA AUDIT REPORT. Received GAO's audit report on the FCA for the 1953 fiscal year (p. 9544).
16. HOUSING LOANS. The conferees were authorized until midnight July 10 to file a conference report on H. R. 7839, which includes a provision continuing the rural-housing loan program (p. 9541).
17. VIRGIN ISLANDS. The conferees were authorized until midnight July 10 to file a conference report on S. 3378, to revise the Virgin Islands Organic Act (which includes a provision relating to the importation of diseased animals) (p. 9541).
18. PERSONNEL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee was granted permission until midnight July 10 to file a report on H. R. 9836, the Federal employees' pay and reclassification bill (p. 9541).
19. RECLAMATION; ELECTRIFICATION. House conferees were appointed on H. R. 4854, to authorize Interior to construct the Foster Creek division, Chief Joseph Dam project, Wash. (p. 9528). Senate conferees have not yet been appointed.
20. ADJOURNED until Mon., July 12 (p. 9544). The Legislative Program for next week, as announced by Rep. Arends: The House will consider bills to authorize increase in interest rates on direct and insured loans under the Bankhead-Jones Act, etc., transfer surplus CCC hay and pasture seeds to FS and other land administering agencies, and, if rules are granted, bills to increase limit on individual water facilities loans and expand area of coverage to entire country, and health reinsurance (pp. 9540-1).

#### BILLS INTRODUCED

21. MONOPOLY. H. R. 9834, by Rep. Hoffman, Mich., to provide for taking the Fed. Government out of competition with private enterprise; to Government Operations Committee (p. 9546).







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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate committee reported bill to extend unemployment compensation to Federal employees. Senate committee ordered reported foreign aid bill. Sen. Johnston charged farm regimentation in extension work. House passed bill to amend Farm Tenant Act. House committee reported bills to authorize rotation of CCC stocks, consent to forest fire compact, and indemnify for certain losses from vesicular exanthema. Rep. Brown, Ga., urged addition of Secretary to National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems. Rep. Dondero introduced omnibus flood control bill after committee approval.

## SENATE

1. PERSONNEL. The Finance Committee reported without amendment H. R. 9709, to amend the unemployment-compensation program, including a provision extending it to Federal employees (S. Rept. 1794)(p. 9733).  
Both Houses received from the Attorney General a proposed bill to amend 18 U. S. C. 284 regarding representational activities of former Federal employees; to Judiciary Committees (pp. 9732, 9806).
2. FOREIGN AID. The Foreign Relations Committee ordered reported with amendments H. R. 9678, authorizing foreign aid appropriations for the fiscal year 1955. The Committee agreed to amendments to end the FOA on June 30, 1955, to bring liquidation provisions of the act into effect on that date, to transfer the Technical Cooperation Program to the State Department, etc. (pp. D816-7.) The Committee was authorized to report the bill during recess (p. 9770).
3. EXTENSION WORK. Sen. Johnston quoted from a Presidential speech favoring freedom for farmers, inserted a Wall Street Journal article on plans to strengthen extension work, and charged that these plans will regiment farmers (pp. 9737-9).
4. ELECTRIFICATION. Passed with amendments H. R. 7664, providing for development of Priest Rapids site on the Columbia River (pp. 9750-60). Rejected, 29-45, a Magnuson amendment to provide preference for rural cooperatives and others in securing electric power (pp. 9755-8).



received and

5. VIRGIN ISLANDS; ANIMAL QUARANTINE. Both Houses/agreed to the conference report on S. 3378, to revise the organic act of the Virgin Islands. The bill includes provisions to amend the Animal Quarantine Act so that cattle which have been infested with or exposed to ticks, but which are now free from them, may be admitted into the Virgin Islands, and to prohibit the Department from restricting introduction of live poultry into the Virgin Islands. (pp. 9766-7, 9806, 9779-86) This bill will now be sent to the President.
6. RECLAMATION. Sen. Watkins spoke in favor of the upper Colorado project (p.9740). The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported without amendment H. R. 8027, to extend the time during which the Interior Department may enter into mandatory repayment contract; under the Federal reclamation laws (S. Rept. 1795 and H. R. 6786, authorizing Interior to purchase improvements or pay damages for removal of improvements located on U. S. public lands in the Palisades project area (S. Rept. 1797)(p. 9732).
7. HEALTH INSURANCE. The Labor and Public Welfare Committee reported with amendment S. 3114, to encourage more extensive use of the voluntary prepayment method in the provision of personal-health services (S. Rept. 1798)(p. 9733).

#### HOUSE

8. FARM LOANS. Passed as reported S. 1276, to amend title 1 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, relating to farm ownership loans, so as to authorize an increase in the interest rates to not over 5% on direct loans and to a base interest of not over 4% on insured loans with authority for adjustments in such rates; to permit direct loans on the security of second mortgages; to permit sale of property acquired by foreclosure to corporations engaged in farming; and to extend to several recent acts the authority for Farmers' Home Administration to protect its investment and security by making advances or purchasing property which has been pledged as security. Agreed to a committee amendment to strike out the provision authorizing loans up to the full value of the farm. (pp. 9779, 9786.)
9. CCC COMMODITIES; FORESTRY; ANIMAL DISEASES. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment S. 1381, to amend the Agricultural Act of 1949 so as to authorize rotation of old CCC commodities and sales of small lots (H. Rept. 2177); H. R. 6393, to consent to the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact (H. Rept. 2179); and S. 2583, to indemnify against loss the owners of certain swine destroyed in July 1952 as a result of vesicular exanthema (H. Rept. 2178)(p. 9806).
10. HEALTH INSURANCE. The Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee reported (July 9) with amendment H. R. 8356, to encourage more extensive use of the voluntary prepayment method of providing for personal health services (H. Rept. 2106); and the Rules Committee reported a resolution for its consideration (p. 9806).
11. RECLAMATION. The Rules Committee reported a resolution for consideration of H. R. 236, to authorize the Fryingpay-Arkansas project, Colo. (pp. 9806-7).
12. BANKING AND CURRENCY. Rep. Brown, Ga., spoke in favor of revitalizing the lending activities of the Export-Import Bank and restoring it to National Advisory Council membership, and urged the addition of the Secretary of Agriculture to membership on the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems (pp. 9796-7).
13. FLOOD CONTROL. The "Daily Digest" states that the Public Works Committee



## SOUTH CENTRAL INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

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Mr. HOPE, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the  
following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 6393]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6393) granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

This bill would grant the approval of the Congress to a compact by five South Central States for a cooperative program in preventing and suppressing forest fires. The compact follows the general pattern of the northeastern interstate forest fire protection compact, which the Congress approved in 1949.

The report of the Department of Agriculture recommending approval of this bill is attached hereto as a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington 25, D. C., July 8, 1954.

HON. CLIFFORD R. HOPE,  
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,  
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DEAR CONGRESSMAN HOPE: This is in reply to your request of May 28, 1954, for a report on H. R. 6393, a bill granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest-fire-protection compact.

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The compact would become operative as soon as Congress gives its consent and is approved by the President, inasmuch as two contiguous States, Arkansas and Oklahoma, ratified and approved the compact on March 28, 1953, and April 1, 1953, respectively.

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The enactment of the bill would not affect the programs of this Department. Neither would it obligate the Department unless it accepted responsibilities under article VII. That article states that the compact administrators may request the Forest Service to act as the primary research and coordinating agency of the compact and authorizes the Forest Service to present to the compact administrators its recommendations with respect to the regional fire plan. This Department could accept the research and coordinating responsibilities under existing authority and without additional direct Federal expenditures.

The severe drought of 1952 and 1953 in the south central region of the United States indicated a need beyond the capacity of a single State when a forest-fire disaster strikes. This is a principal reason why the compact was proposed and ratified under emergency conditions by the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Aside from the danger to loss of life and property, protection of the timber resource from fires is important to the economic and industrial stability of the south central region. The five States comprising the proposed compact area—Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas—contain more than 50 billion cubic feet of standing timber, or 11 percent of the standing timber in the United States.

The area produces about 20 percent of the Nation's pulpwood and about one-tenth of its lumber.

This Department believes that the interstate compact proposed in H. R. 6393 would be helpful in attaining greater protection against forest fires in the member States and, therefore, recommends enactment of the bill.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that from the standpoint of the program of the President there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE, *Under Secretary.*



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17 vided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any as-  
18 sisting member state from assuming such loss, damage, ex-  
19 pense or other cost or from loaning such equipment or from  
20 donating such service to the receiving member state without  
21 charge or cost.

22 “Each member state shall provide for the payment of  
23 compensation and death benefits to injured employees and  
24 the representatives of deceased employees in case employees  
25 sustain injuries or are killed while rendering outside aid

1 pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the  
2 same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within  
3 such state.

4 “For the purposes of this compact the term employee  
5 shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included  
6 within the forest fire fighting forces of the aiding state under  
7 the laws thereof.

8 “The compact administrators shall formulate procedures  
9 for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this  
10 article, in accordance with the laws of the member states.

11 “ARTICLE VI

12 “Ratification of this compact shall not be construed to  
13 affect any existing statute so as to authorize or permit cur-  
14 tailment or diminution of the forest fire fighting forces, equip-  
15 ment, services or facilities of any member state.

16 “Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit or  
17 restrict the powers of any state ratifying the same to provide  
18 for the prevention, control and extinguishment of forest  
19 fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of state  
20 laws, rules or regulations intended to aid in such preven-  
21 tion, control and extinguishment in such state.

22 “Nothing in this compact shall be construed to affect  
23 any existing or future cooperative relationship or arrange-  
24 ment between the United States Forest Service and a mem-  
25 ber state or states.

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“The compact administrators may request the United States Forest Service to act as the primary research and coordinating agency of the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact in cooperation with the appropriate agencies in each state, and the United States Forest Service may accept the initial responsibility in preparing and presenting to the compact administrators its recommendations with respect to the regional fire plan. Representatives of the United States Forest Service may attend meetings of the compact administrators.

## “ARTICLE VIII

“The provisions of Articles IV and V of this compact which relate to mutual aid in combating, controlling or preventing forest fires shall be operative as between any state party to this compact and any other state which is party to a regional forest fire protection compact in another region: Provided, that the legislature of such other state shall have given its assent to such mutual aid provisions of this compact.

## “ARTICLE IX

“This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each state ratifying it until the legislature or the Governor of such state takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until six months after notice



1 thereof has been sent by the chief executive of the state de-  
 2 siring to withdraw to the chief executives of all states then  
 3 parties to the compact.”

Union Calendar No. 755

83d CONGRESS  
 2d Session

**H. R. 6393**

[Report No. 2179]

## A BILL

Granting the consent and approval of Congress  
 to an interstate forest fire protection com-  
 pact.

By Mr. COLMETER

JULY 20, 1953

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 26, 1954

The Committee on the Judiciary discharged, and  
 referred to the Committee on Agriculture

JULY 12, 1954

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on  
 the State of the Union and ordered to be printed







July 19, 1954

19. FORESTRY. Passed without amendment S. 2786, consenting to the Southeastern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact (pp. 10314-5). This bill will now be sent to the President.  
Passed without amendment H. R. 6393, consenting to a South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact (pp. 10315-6).  
Passed without amendment H. R. 7912, to abolish the Old Kasaan National Monument, Alaska, and return the land to national forest status (p. 10318).
20. FARM LOANS. Passed as reported S. 3487, to authorize the Central Bank for Cooperatives and the regional banks for cooperatives to issue consolidated debentures (p. 10321).  
Passed as reported H. R. 7568, to direct the Farm Loan Board of Hawaii to convey certain land and to ratify and confirm certain contracts (p. 10318).
21. CCC BORROWING POWER. The Banking and Currency Committee reported without amendment H. R. 9756, to increase the CCC borrowing power by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  billion (H. Rept. 2269)(p. 10413). The Rules Committee reported a resolution for consideration of this bill (p. 10414).
22. WATER FACILITIES LOANS. The Agriculture Committee reported with amendment S. 3137, to amend the Water Facilities Act (H. Rept. 2290)(p. 10414). For provisions of this bill see Digest 130.
23. PERFORMANCE RATINGS. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported on its study of performance ratings for Federal employees (H. Rept. 2277)(p. 10413).
24. RECLAMATION. Received the conference report on H. R. 4854, to authorize the Foster Creek division of Chief Joseph Dam project, Wash. (H. Rept. 2274) (p. 10306).  
Concurred in the Senate amendment to H. R. 6786, authorizing Interior to purchase improvements or pay damages for removal of improvements located on U. S. public lands in the Palisades project area (p. 10307). This bill will now be sent to the President.  
Rep. Hosmer spoke against certain bills which would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate the Colorado River storage project (pp. 10325-6).
25. DROUGHT RELIEF. Rep. Edmondson urged immediate relief for drought stricken areas (pp. 10326-7).
26. MINERALS; PUBLIC LANDS. Passed with amendment S. 3344, to amend the mineral leasing laws to provide for multiple mineral development of the same tracts of the public lands (pp. 10342-355).
27. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION. Received the conference report on S. 2759, to promote and assist in the extension and improvement of vocational rehabilitation services (H. Rept. 2286) (pp. 10386-92).
28. TRANSPORTATION. The Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee reported without amendment H. R. 6310, to exempt from regulation by the CAB, operations in the transportation of livestock, fish, floricultural, and horticultural commodities (H. Rept. 2281) (p. 10413).



29. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK. The Banking and Currency Committee reported without amendment S. 3589, to provide for the independent management of the Export-Import Bank under a Board of Directors, to provide for representation of the bank on the National Advisory Council on International Monetary and Financial Problems, and to increase the bank's lending authority (H. Rept. 2270) (p. 10413). The Rules Committee reported a resolution for consideration of this bill (p. 10414).
30. VETERANS' BENEFITS. The Veterans' Affairs Committee reported with amendment H. R. 9888, to amend the laws granting education and training benefits to certain veterans to extend the period during which such benefits may be offered (H. Rept. 2279) (p. 10413).
31. FLOOD CONTROL. The Rules Committee reported a resolution for the consideration of H. R. 9859, the omnibus flood control bill (p. 10414).
32. EDUCATION. Received conference report on H. R. 9040, to authorize cooperative research in education (H. Rept. 2287) and H. R. 7434, to establish a National Advisory Committee on Education (H. Rept. 2289) (pp. 10392-3).

SENATE (cont'd)

33. APPROPRIATIONS. S. Doc. 140 (July 14) is a supplemental appropriation estimate for the Health, Education, and Welfare Department including the following items: Food and Drug Administration, a provision whereby collection of inspection fees with respect to residues of pesticide chemicals in or on raw agricultural commodities would make the services provided largely self-supporting; Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, \$6,000,000 for grants to States, \$1,831,000 for training of personnel, and \$400,000 for administrative expenses for an immediate expansion of the vocational rehabilitation program; Social Security Administration, increase in trust fund limitation from \$64,400,000 to \$79,000,000 to meet the increased workload which will result from expansion of the old-age and survivors insurance program; Federal Health Reinsurance Service, \$25,000,000 for making payments to the capital-advance fund to be established for advances to the Health Service Prepayment Plan Reinsurance Fund, and \$325,000 for expenses for handling the administration of the Federal Health Reinsurance Service and for technical, advisory, and information services to carriers and other sponsors of health service prepayment plans, and to the general public. The Bureau of the Budget letter states, "It is proposed to establish the Federal Health Reinsurance Service as a separate constituent organization of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. This Service will consist of a Director's office, a Bureau of Health Reinsurance, and Bureau of Technical and Advisory Service."

S. Doc. 137 (July 14) is a supplemental appropriation estimate for the Labor Department and includes the following items: Bureau of Employment Security, \$25,000,000 for unemployment compensation payments to Federal employees, \$3,756,000 for grants to States for unemployment compensation and employment service administration, and \$300,000 for salaries and expenses to enable the performance of Federal administrative duties.

S. Doc. 135 (July 13) is a supplemental appropriation estimate for the Interior Department and includes the following items: Bureau of Reclamation, \$875,000 to carry out general investigations work on selected reclamation projects, and \$5,963,000 to permit the initiation of construction work on 3 new projects (including the Glendo unit, Wyo.) and additional work on 4 going projects.



compact in another region: Provided, that the legislature of such other State shall have given its assent to such mutual aid provisions of this compact.

#### Article IX

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each State ratifying it until the legislature or the Governor of such State, as the laws of such State shall provide, takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until 6 months after notice thereof has been sent by the chief executive of the State desiring to withdraw to the chief executives of all States then parties to the compact.

SEC. 2. Without further submission of the compact, the consent of Congress is given to any State to become a party to it in accordance with its terms.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is expressly reserved.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

A similar bill (H. R. 9345) was laid on the table.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CONTRACT RESEARCH

The Clerk called the bill (S. 2367) to amend the act of June 29, 1935 (the Bankhead-Jones Act), as amended, to strengthen the conduct of research of the Department of Agriculture.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the act of June 29, 1935 (the Bankhead-Jones Act), as amended (7 U. S. C. 427-427j), is amended by adding at the end of section 10 thereof the following: "(e) Appropriations for research work in the Department of Agriculture shall be available for accomplishing such purposes by contract through the means provided in subsection (a) hereof."

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING BANKS FOR COOPERATIVES TO ISSUE CONSOLIDATED DEBENTURES

The Clerk called the bill (S. 3487) to authorize the Central Bank for Cooperatives and the regional banks for cooperatives to issue consolidated debentures, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, this seems to be a rather broad bill, if not a rather far-reaching bill, and I would like to have a member of the committee state why it should be passed by unanimous consent. It seems to me this is a bill that should come up under the regular rules of the House or under suspension of the rules.

Mr. HOPE. Mr. Speaker, I shall be very glad to explain the bill.

Mr. McCORMACK. I know what the bill is. I have read it, but it seems to me this is not a bill that should be passed without some debate. I have no objection to the bill myself; however, some bills should come up under conditions where there is opportunity for Members to debate the matter. Will the gentle-

man state why he thinks this is not one of those bills?

Mr. HOPE. I am not going to argue with the gentleman over the question of whether this is or is not an important bill. It is a bill of some importance as far as financing the banks for cooperatives is concerned. It is a bill which I understand has no opposition, at least I know of none and in the closing days of the session our committee felt it was important to get the bill passed as expeditiously as possible. For that reason we had it put on the Consent Calendar.

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. I have spoken to the chairman of the committee, the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. HOPE], and I am sure that this bill is satisfactory.

Mr. McCORMACK. I have no objection to the bill myself. Is it not of such importance that it should come up under the rules of the House which afford Members some opportunity of debate rather than to be passed on the Consent Calendar?

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that this bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

#### ROTATION OF COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION STOCKS

The Clerk called the bill (S. 1381) to amend the Agricultural Act of 1949.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That section 407 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Not shall the foregoing restrictions apply to sales of commodities the disposition of which is desirable in the interest of the effective and efficient conduct of the Corporation's operations because of the small quantities involved, or because of age, location, or questionable continued storability, but such sales shall be offset by such purchases of commodities as the Corporation determines are necessary to prevent such sales from substantially impairing any price-support program, but in no event shall the purchase price exceed the then current support price for such commodities."

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### INDEMNITIES FOR SWINE DESTROYED IN 1952

The Clerk called the bill (S. 2583) to indemnify against loss all persons whose swine were destroyed in July 1952 as a result of having been infected with or exposed to the contagious disease vesicular exanthema.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to indemnify in an amount equal to 50 percent of their loss, but not exceeding the indemnity paid by the State, all persons whose swine were destroyed under authority of law in July 1952 as a result of having been infected with or exposed to the contagious disease vesicular exanthema.

SEC. 2. The payment of indemnities under the provisions of this act shall be limited, in the absence of Federal appraisal, to those losses where required proof of such losses has been made to the State and 50 percent of said loss has been paid by such State.

SEC. 3. Payments made pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be made from funds currently available to the Department of Agriculture.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 6393) granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given to any two or more of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas to enter into the following compact relating to the prevention and control of forest fires in the south central region of the United States.

The compact reads as follows:

#### "SOUTH CENTRAL INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

##### "Article I

"The purpose of this compact is to promote effective prevention and control of forest fires in the south central region of the United States by the development of integrated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate forest fire fighting services by the member States, by providing for mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the compacting States of the region and with States which are party to other regional forest fire protection compacts or agreements, and for more adequate forest development.

##### "Article II

"This compact shall become operative immediately as to those States ratifying it whenever any two or more of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas which are contiguous have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto. Any State not mentioned in this article which is contiguous with any member State may become a party to this compact, subject to approval by the legislature of each of the member States.

##### "Article III

"In each State, the State forester or officer holding the equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control shall act as compact administrator for that State and shall consult with like officials of the other member States and shall implement cooperation between such States in forest fire prevention and control.

"The compact administrators of the member States shall organize to coordinate the services of the member States and provide administrative integration in carrying out the purposes of this compact.

"There shall be established an advisory committee of legislators, forestry commission representatives, and forestry or forest products industries representatives which shall meet from time to time with the compact administrators. Each member State shall name one Member of the Senate and one Member of the House of Representatives, and the Governor of each member State shall appoint one representative who shall be the chairman of the State forestry commission or comparable official and one representative who shall be associated with forestry or



forest products industries to comprise the membership of the advisory committee. Action shall be taken by a majority of the compacting States, and each State shall be entitled to one vote.

"The compact administrators shall formulate and, in accordance with need, from time to time, revise a regional forest fire plan for the member States.

"It shall be the duty of each member State to formulate and put in effect a forest fire plan for that State and take such measures as may be necessary to integrate such forest fire plan with the regional forest fire plan formulated by the compact administrators.

#### "Article IV

"Whenever the State forest fire control agency of a member State requests aid from the State forest fire control agency of any other member State in combating, controlling, or preventing forest fires, it shall be the duty of the State forest fire control agency of that State to render all possible aid to the requesting agency which is consonant with the maintenance of protection at home.

#### "Article V

"Whenever the forces of any member State are rendering outside aid pursuant to the request of another member State under this compact, the employees of such State shall, under the direction of the officers of the State to which they are rendering aid, have the same powers (except the power of arrest), duties, rights, privileges, and immunities as comparable employees of the State to which they are rendering aid."

"No member State or its officers or employees rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be liable on account of any act or omission on the part of such forces while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed as relieving any person from liability for his own negligent act or omission, or as imposing liability for such negligent act or omission upon any State.

"All liability, except as otherwise provided hereinafter, that may arise either under the laws of the requesting State or under the laws of the aiding state or under the laws of a third State on account of or in connection with a request for aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting State.

"Any member State rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be reimbursed by the member State receiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in the operation of any equipment answering a request for aid, and for the cost of all materials, transportation, wages, salaries, and maintenance of employees and equipment incurred in connection with such request: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any assisting member State from assuming such loss, damage, expense, or other cost or from loaning such equipment or from donating such service to the receiving member State without charge or cost.

"Each member State shall provide for the payment of compensation and death benefits to injured employees and the representatives of deceased employees in case employees sustain injuries or are killed while rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within such state.

"For the purposes of this compact the term employee shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included within the forest-fire-fighting forces of the aiding State under the laws thereof.

"The compact administrators shall formulate procedures for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this article,

in accordance with the laws of the member States.

#### "Article VI

"Ratification of this compact shall not be construed to affect any existing statute so as to authorize or permit curtailment or diminution of the forest-fire-fighting forces, equipment, services, or facilities of any member State.

"Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit or restrict the powers of any State ratifying the same to provide for the prevention, control, and extinguishment of forest fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of State laws, rules, or regulations intended to aid in such prevention, control, and extinguishment in such State.

"Nothing in this compact shall be construed to affect any existing or future cooperative relationship or arrangement between the United States Forest Service and a member State or States.

#### "Article VII

"The compact administrators may request the United States Forest Service to act as the primary research and coordinating agency of the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact in cooperation with the appropriate agencies in each State, and the United States Forest Service may accept the initial responsibility in preparing and presenting to the compact administrators its recommendations with respect to the regional fire plan. Representatives of the United States Forest Service may attend meetings of the compact administrators.

#### "Article VIII

"The provisions of article IV and V of this compact which relate to mutual aid in combating, controlling, or preventing forest fires shall be operative as between any State party to this compact and any other State which is party to a regional forest-fire protection compact in another region: *Provided*, That the legislature of such other State shall have given its assent to such mutual-aid provisions of this compact.

#### "Article IX

"This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each State ratifying it until the legislature or the Governor of such State takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until 6 months after notice thereof has been sent by the chief executive of the State desiring to withdraw to the chief executives of all States then parties to the compact."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### GOVERNMENTAL USE OF INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk called the resolution (S. J. Res. 96) to strengthen the foreign relations of the United States by establishing a Commission on Governmental Use of International Telecommunications.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Whereas the overseas information program as carried on through the media of telecommunications is of continuing and increasing importance in carrying out and supporting the foreign policies of the United States; and

Whereas in his state of the Union message February 2, 1953, the President asserted the necessity "to make more effective all activities related to international information": Therefore be it,

*Resolved, etc.*, That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the

Commission on Governmental Use of International Telecommunications (in this act referred to as the "Commission").

#### MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

SEC. 2. Number and appointment: The Commission shall be composed of nine members as follows:

(1) Five appointed by the President of the United States, of whom at least 1 shall be appointed from the telecommunications industry and at least 1 from the field of education and of whom not more than 3 shall be from the same political party;

(2) Two appointed from the Senate by the President of the Senate of whom not more than one shall be from the same political party; and

(3) Two appointed from the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of whom not more than one shall be from the same political party.

#### ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION

SEC. 3. The Commission shall choose its Chairman and Vice Chairman from among its members and shall establish its own procedure.

#### QUORUM

SEC. 4. Five members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

#### COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

SEC. 5. (a) Members of Congress: Members of Congress who are members of the Commission shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as Members of Congress; but without regard to any other provision of law they shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties vested in the Commission and reasonable advances may be made to them for such purposes.

(b) Members of the executive branch: Any members of the Commission who may be in the executive branch of the Government shall receive the compensation which he would receive if he were not a member of the Commission, but without regard to any other provision of law they shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties vested in the Commission and reasonable advances may be made to them for such purposes.

(c) Members from private life: The members from private life shall receive not to exceed \$75 per diem when engaged in the performance of duties vested in the Commission, plus reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of such duties.

#### STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

SEC. 6. The Commission shall have power to appoint a Secretary General at a salary of not to exceed \$15,000 per annum, and an Assistant Secretary General at a salary of not to exceed \$12,500 per annum, and such other personnel in accordance with the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, or to obtain assistance from Government agencies on a reimbursable basis. The Commission is further authorized to employ experts and consultants for temporary and intermittent personal services, but at rates not to exceed \$75 per diem for each individual. The Commission is authorized without regard to any other provision of law to reimburse employees, experts, and consultants for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties and to make reasonable advances to such persons for such purposes.

#### EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION

SEC. 7. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed \$250,000 to carry out the provisions of this act.







83<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6393

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22 (legislative day, JULY 2), 1954

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

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## AN ACT

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate  
forest fire protection compact.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given  
4       to any two or more of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana,  
5       Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas to enter into the following  
6       compact relating to the prevention and control of forest fires  
7       in the South Central region of the United States.

8       The compact reads as follows:

1 "SOUTH CENTRAL INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION  
2 COMPACT

3 "ARTICLE I

4 "The purpose of this compact is to promote effective  
5 prevention and control of forest fires in the South Central  
6 region of the United States by the development of integrated  
7 forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate forest fire  
8 fighting services by the member states, by providing for  
9 mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the compacting  
10 states of the region and with states which are party to other  
11 Regional Forest Fire Protection compacts or agreements,  
12 and for more adequate forest development.

13 "ARTICLE II

14 "This compact shall become operative immediately as to  
15 those states ratifying it whenever any two or more of the  
16 States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and  
17 Texas which are contiguous have ratified it and Congress  
18 has given consent thereto. Any state not mentioned in this  
19 article which is contiguous with any member state may be-  
20 come a party to this compact, subject to approval by the  
21 legislature of each of the member states.

22 "ARTICLE III

23 "In each state, the state forester or officer holding the  
24 equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control  
25 shall act as compact administrator for that state and shall

1 consult with like officials of the other member states and shall  
2 implement cooperation between such states in forest fire  
3 prevention and control.

4 “The compact administrators of the member states shall  
5 organize to coordinate the services of the member states and  
6 provide administrative integration in carrying out the pur-  
7 poses of this compact.

8 “There shall be established an advisory committee of  
9 legislators, forestry commission representatives, and forestry  
10 or forest products industries representatives which shall meet  
11 from time to time with the compact administrators. Each  
12 member state shall name one member of the Senate and  
13 one member of the House of Representatives, and the Gov-  
14 ernor of each member state shall appoint one representative  
15 who shall be the chairman of the state forestry com-  
16 mission or comparable official and one representative who  
17 shall be associated with forestry or forest products indus-  
18 tries to comprise the membership of the advisory committee.  
19 Action shall be taken by a majority of the compacting states,  
20 and each state shall be entitled to one vote.

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1 such measures as may be necessary to integrate such forest  
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3 the compact administrators.

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5 "Whenever the state forest fire control agency of a  
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9 of the state forest fire control agency of that state to  
10 render all possible aid to the requesting agency which is  
11 consonant with the maintenance of protection at home.

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13 "Whenever the forces of any member state are ren-  
14 dering outside aid pursuant to the request of another  
15 member state under this compact, the employees of such  
16 state shall, under the direction of the officers of the state  
17 to which they are rendering aid, have the same powers  
18 (except the power of arrest), duties, rights, privileges and  
19 immunities as comparable employees of the state to which  
20 they are rendering aid.

21 "No member state or its officers or employees render-  
22 ing outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be liable on  
23 account of any act or omission on the part of such forces  
24 while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or use  
25 of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith: *Pro-*



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2 any person from liability for his own negligent act or omis-  
3 sion, or as imposing liability for such negligent act or omis-  
4 sion upon any state.

5 “All liability, except as otherwise provided hereinafter,  
6 that may arise either under the laws of the requesting state  
7 or under the laws of the aiding state or under the laws of a  
8 third state on account of or in connection with a request  
9 for aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting state.

10 “Any member state rendering outside aid pursuant to  
11 this compact shall be reimbursed by the member state re-  
12 ceiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense in-  
13 curred in the operation of any equipment answering a  
14 request for aid, and for the cost of all materials, transporta-  
15 tion, wages, salaries, and maintenance of employees and  
16 equipment incurred in connection with such request: *Pro-*  
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6 shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included  
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Passed the House of Representatives July 19, 1954.

Attest:

LYLE O. SNADER,

*Clerk.*









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## AN ACT

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JULY 22 (legislative day, JULY 2), 1954

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate committee reported Butz nomination to CCC Board. Senate committee reported bill to restore certain animal-poultry inspection in Virgin Islands. Senators debated scheduling of farm program bill, and Sen. Knowland announced it would follow supplemental appropriation bill. Rep. Letcalf criticized proposal to add forest-grazing provision to farm program bill.

## SENATE

1. VIRGIN ISLANDS. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported with amendment S. 3800, to restore certain ARS authority for inspection of animals and poultry being imported into the Virgin Islands (S. Rept. 2042)(p. 123304).
2. FORESTRY. This Committee reported without amendment H. R. 6393, consenting to an interstate forest-fire protection compact among south central States (S. Rept. 2043)(p. 12304).
3. NOMINATIONS. This Committee reported favorably the nomination of Earl L. Butz to be a member of the Board of Directors of CCC (p. 12306).  
Received the nomination of Herbert D. Vogel to the TVA Board (p. 12376).
4. EDUCATION. The Labor and Public Welfare Committee reported without amendment H. R. 9888, to extend the period during which the education and training benefits of the Korean-conflict GI bill of rights may be available (S. Rept. 2036)(p. 12303).  
This Committee also reported with amendment S. 3628, to provide a permanent program of assistance for school construction (S. Rept. 2203), and S. 3629, to establish the 3-percent "absorption" requirement of school districts in areas affected by Federal activities (no written report)(p. 12304).
5. SOIL CONSERVATION. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee voted to report S. 3774, to extend the Watershed and Flood Prevention Act to Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico (p. D928).



6. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION BILL, 1955. In reporting this bill, H. R. 9936, (see Digest 146) the Appropriations Committee recommended the following additional items:

Watershed protection, SCS, \$2,425,000 (budget estimate was \$3,000,000). The committee report states: "For works of improvement the committee recommends \$500,000, instead of \$1,075,000 as requested in Senate Document 138. The full amount is recommended of \$1,700,000 for work-plan preparation and of \$225,000 for river-basin investigations. In view of the leniency of the Congress in allowing more than the budget estimate in the regular act, the committee believes that the planning and preparation should be emphasized on this new work, and that funds for further works of improvement should await consideration in the regular act next year."

Agricultural attaches in foreign countries, FAS, \$500,000 (budget estimate was \$1 million) in addition to \$1 million to be derived from State Department funds.

Commodity Exchange Act amendments, \$93,000 (same as budget estimate).

Water Facilities Act amendments, \$3,500,000 (budget estimate was \$5,000,000).

Office of the Solicitor, USDA, \$54,000 (budget estimate was \$64,000), of which \$40,000 is for water-facilities loans and \$14,000 is for farm-ownership loans.

Census of business, manufactures, and mineral industries, \$8,430,000 (same as budget estimate).

Unemployment compensation for Federal employees, \$10,000,000 (budget estimate, \$25,000,000).

Mexican farm labor program, Immigration and Naturalization Service, \$350,000 (same as budget estimate).

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, \$6,000,000 (same as budget estimate).

National Advisory Committee on Education, \$100,000 (budget estimate, \$175,000).

Provision to abolish the position of Administrative Assistant Secretary of Labor and establish an additional position of Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Provision to make available the unobligated balances of funds previously appropriated for acquisition of sites and preparation of drawings and specifications for Federal public building projects outside D. C. The committee report states that this amendment is offered "in order to retain full Government control of detailed plans and specifications of the projects to be undertaken under the Public Buildings Purchase Contract Act of 1954."

Surveys of Government records, records management, and disposal practices, \$500,000 (no budget estimate). The committee report states: "The committee is informed that there is presently in existence in the Federal Government an accumulation of over 25 million cubic feet of records, enough to fill  $7\frac{1}{2}$  buildings the size of the Pentagon Building. This vast accumulation increases at the rate of 4.2 million cubic feet per year and while efforts are now being made to reduce this rapid accumulation, these efforts have so far succeeded only in reducing the rate of accumulation and have done little to reduce the great bulk of paper or to slow down records creation. The committee understands that the cost of creating and maintaining this record accumulation is about \$4 billion per year. The efforts of private firms and of State governmental bodies, as well as one Federal agency, indicate the vast savings possible by a survey of the situation by competent and disinterested records specialists. Estimates range from 20 to 33 percent possible savings in the total cost of record procedures by such surveys. In recommending that \$500,000 be made available to the Administrator of General Services, it is the intention

SOUTH CENTRAL INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE  
PROTECTION COMPACT

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AUGUST 2 (legislative day, JULY 2), 1954.—Ordered to be printed

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MR. ELLENDER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry,  
submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6393]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6393) to grant the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

H. R. 6393 would grant the approval of the Congress to a compact by five South Central States for a cooperative program in preventing and suppressing forest fires. The report of the House Committee on Agriculture containing a favorable report from the Department of Agriculture explaining the bill is attached hereto as a part of this report.

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[H. Rept. No. 2179, 83d Cong., 1st. sess.]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6393) granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

This bill would grant the approval of the Congress to a compact by five South Central States for a cooperative program in preventing and suppressing forest fires. The compact follows the general pattern of the northeastern interstate forest fire protection compact, which the Congress approved in 1949.

The report of the Department of Agriculture recommending approval of this bill is attached hereto as a part of this report.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington 25, D. C., July 8, 1954.

HON. CLIFFORD R. HOPE,  
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,  
House of Representatives.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HOPE: This is in reply to your request of May 28, 1954, for a report on H. R. 6393, a bill granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest-fire-protection compact.



1 "SOUTH CENTRAL INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION  
2 COMPACT

3 "ARTICLE I

4 "The purpose of this compact is to promote effective  
5 prevention and control of forest fires in the South Central  
6 region of the United States by the development of integrated  
7 forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate forest fire  
8 fighting services by the member states, by providing for  
9 mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the compacting  
10 states of the region and with states which are party to other  
11 Regional Forest Fire Protection compacts or agreements,  
12 and for more adequate forest development.

13 "ARTICLE II

14 "This compact shall become operative immediately as to  
15 those states ratifying it whenever any two or more of the  
16 States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and  
17 Texas which are contiguous have ratified it and Congress  
18 has given consent thereto. Any state not mentioned in this  
19 article which is contiguous with any member state may be-  
20 come a party to this compact, subject to approval by the  
21 legislature of each of the member states.

22 "ARTICLE III

23 "In each state, the state forester or officer holding the  
24 equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control  
25 shall act as compact administrator for that state and shall



1 consult with like officials of the other member states and shall  
2 implement cooperation between such states in forest fire  
3 prevention and control.

4 “The compact administrators of the member states shall  
5 organize to coordinate the services of the member states and  
6 provide administrative integration in carrying out the pur-  
7 poses of this compact.

8 “There shall be established an advisory committee of  
9 legislators, forestry commission representatives, and forestry  
10 or forest products industries representatives which shall meet  
11 from time to time with the compact administrators. Each  
12 member state shall name one member of the Senate and  
13 one member of the House of Representatives, and the Gov-  
14 ernor of each member state shall appoint one representative  
15 who shall be the chairman of the state forestry com-  
16 mission or comparable official and one representative who  
17 shall be associated with forestry or forest products indus-  
18 tries to comprise the membership of the advisory committee.  
19 Action shall be taken by a majority of the compacting states,  
20 and each state shall be entitled to one vote.

21 “The compact administrators shall formulate and, in  
22 accordance with need, from time to time, revise a regional  
23 forest fire plan for the member states.

24 “It shall be the duty of each member state to formulate  
25 and put in effect a forest fire plan for that state and take

1 such measures as may be necessary to integrate such forest  
2 fire plan with the regional forest fire plan formulated by  
3 the compact administrators.

4 "ARTICLE IV

5 "Whenever the state forest fire control agency of a  
6 member state requests aid from the state forest fire con-  
7 trol agency of any other member state in combating, con-  
8 trolling or preventing forest fires, it shall be the duty  
9 of the state forest fire control agency of that state to  
10 render all possible aid to the requesting agency which is  
11 consonant with the maintenance of protection at home.

12 "ARTICLE V

13 "Whenever the forces of any member state are ren-  
14 dering outside aid pursuant to the request of another  
15 member state under this compact, the employees of such  
16 state shall, under the direction of the officers of the state  
17 to which they are rendering aid, have the same powers  
18 (except the power of arrest), duties, rights, privileges and  
19 immunities as comparable employees of the state to which  
20 they are rendering aid.

21 "No member state or its officers or employees render-  
22 ing outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be liable on  
23 account of any act or omission on the part of such forces  
24 while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or use  
25 of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith: *Pro-*

1 *vided*, That nothing herein shall be construed as relieving  
2 any person from liability for his own negligent act or omis-  
3 sion, or as imposing liability for such negligent act or omis-  
4 sion upon any state.

5 “All liability, except as otherwise provided hereinafter,  
6 that may arise either under the laws of the requesting state  
7 or under the laws of the aiding state or under the laws of a  
8 third state on account of or in connection with a request  
9 for aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting state.

10 “Any member state rendering outside aid pursuant to  
11 this compact shall be reimbursed by the member state re-  
12 ceiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense in-  
13 curred in the operation of any equipment answering a  
14 request for aid, and for the cost of all materials, transporta-  
15 tion, wages, salaries, and maintenance of employees and  
16 equipment incurred in connection with such request: *Pro-*  
17 *vided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any as-  
18 sisting member state from assuming such loss, damage, ex-  
19 pense or other cost or from loaning such equipment or from  
20 donating such service to the receiving member state without  
21 charge or cost.

22 “Each member state shall provide for the payment of  
23 compensation and death benefits to injured employees and  
24 the representatives of deceased employees in case employees



1 sustain injuries or are killed while rendering outside aid  
2 pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the  
3 same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within  
4 such state.

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6 shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included  
7 within the forest fire fighting forces of the aiding state under  
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Passed the House of Representatives July 19, 1954.

Attest:

LYLE O. SNADER,

*Clerk.*









83<sup>d</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>d</sup> SESSION

H. R. 6393

[Report No. 2043]

AN ACT

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to an interstate forest fire protection com-  
pact.

JULY 22 (legislative day, JULY 2), 1954

Read twice and referred to the Committee on  
Agriculture and Forestry

AUGUST 2 (legislative day, JULY 2), 1954

Reported without amendment







Aug. 11, 1954

5. **NOMINATION.** Confirmed the nomination of Herbert Davis Vogel to be a member of the Board of Directors of TVA (p. 13300). Sen. Morse spoke in opposition to this nomination (pp. 13412-3).
6. **MEXICAN FENCE.** Discussed, and placed at foot of the calendar, S. 114, authorizing appropriations for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Mexican western land boundary fence project (p. 13376).
7. **FORESTRY.** Discussed and passed over S. 620 and H. R. 1254, which authorize the issuance by Federal agencies of permits, leases, or easements to States or local governments for periods not to exceed 30 years, on lands within their respective jurisdictions (pp. 13403-4).
8. **AGRICULTURAL INVESTIGATIONS.** Agreed to S. Res. 304, to provide \$12,000 additional for the Agriculture and Forestry Committee for an investigation of various matters related to agricultural programs (S. Rept. 2450) (p. 13301).
9. **EDUCATION.** Passed without amendment H. R. 9888, to extend the period during which the education and training benefits of the Korean-conflict GI bill of rights may be available (p. 13356). This bill will now be sent to the President.
10. **FORESTRY.** Passed without amendment H. R. 6393, consenting to an interstate forest-fire protection compact among south central States (p. 13357). This bill will now be sent to the President.
11. **RECLAMATION.** Passed without amendment H. R. 8520, to include the Ainsworth, Lavaca Flats, Mirage Flats Extension, and O'Neill irrigation developments in the Missouri Basin project, and H. R. 8384, to authorize the Talent division of the Rogue River Basin project, Oreg. (pp. 13373, 13394, 13402). These bills will now be sent to the President.
12. **WATER RESOURCES.** Passed without amendment H. R. 2843, authorizing the Interior Department to investigate and report to Congress on the water resources of Hawaii (p. 13396). This bill will now be sent to the President.
13. **FORESTRY.** Passed as reported S. 3773, to authorize reciprocal fire-protection agreements between Government departments and agencies and public or private organizations engaged in fire-fighting activities (p. 13373).
14. **PERSONNEL.** Passed with amendments H. R. 7774, to increase the pay of classified, postal, and other Federal employees; and then agreed to a request by Sen. Knowland that the vote be reconsidered (pp. 13334-7).
15. **MEXICAN FARM LABOR.** The Judiciary Committee reported with amendments S. 3660, to make the employment, and related practices, of any alien known by an employer to have entered the U. S. illegally within 3 years thereof unlawful (S. Rept. 2451), and S. 3661, to provide for the seizure and forfeiture of any vessel or vehicle used in the transportation of any alien known by the owner thereof to have entered the U. S. illegally within 3 years (S. Rept. 2452) (p. 13300).

16. COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported without amendment H. R. 9756, to increase the borrowing power of CCC from \$8.5 billion to \$10 billion (S. Rept. 2470) (p. 13301).
17. EDUCATION. Passed with amendment H. R. 1797, to provide for conveyance by the Interior Department of a tract of land to the Okla. A&M College (p. 13374).
18. PERSONNEL; RETIREMENT. Passed without amendment S. 3627, to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act so as to tighten up several "loopholes" (p. 13377).
19. TRAVEL. Passed with amendment S. 3200, to amend section 3 of the Travel Expense Act of 1949, as amended, so as to increase the maximum per diem allowance for subsistence and travel by Federal employees from \$9 to \$12 (p. 13401).
20. SOIL CONSERVATION. Passed as reported S. 3774, to extend the benefits of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands (p. 13374).
21. VIRGIN ISLANDS. Passed as reported S. 3800, to restore the USDA animal-poultry inspection authority, regarding imports into the Virgin Islands, on a modified basis (p. 13357).
22. PERSONNEL. Passed as reported S. 19, to suspend the running of the statute of limitations applicable to offenses involving performance of official duties by Government officers and employees during periods of Government service (p. 13371).
23. EDUCATION. Passed as reported S. 3629 to amend Public Law 874, 81st Cong., so as to postpone the effective date of the 3 percent "absorption" requirement of school districts in areas affected by Federal activities for 1 additional year (through June 30, 1955) (pp. 13371-2).  
Passed as reported S. 3628, to amend Public Law 815, 81st Cong., so as to extend for 3 additional years the program of Federal assistance for school construction under title III thereof (p. 13371).
24. FLAMMABLE FABRICS. Concurred in the House amendments to S. 3379, to exempt from the Flammable Fabrics Act certain fabrics which are not highly flammable (p. 13472). This bill will now be sent to the President.
25. STOCKPILING. Passed as reported S. 3585, to amend the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act so as to provide "that any gem diamonds constituting a part of the stockpile may be exchanged for industrial diamonds of a like value" (pp. 13370-1). The committee report explains that a firm has offered to make such an exchange and has agreed to purchase wheat of the same value from the proceeds of its sale of the gem stones acquired by the exchange.
26. DEBT LIMIT. Discussed and passed over H. R. 6672, to increase the public debt limit (p. 13376).
27. PATENTS. Discussed and passed over, upon the objection of Sen. Hendrickson, H. R. 3534, to authorize the extension of patents covering inventions whose practice was prevented or curtailed during service by the patent owner in the Armed Services or by production controls (pp. 13379-80).



the subject matter under inquiry, together with all the facts in connection therewith, under the seal of the United States Senate to the United States Attorney for the District of the State of Massachusetts, to the end that the said Wendell H. Furry may be proceeded against in the manner and form provided by law.

#### CITATION OF LEON J. KAMIN FOR CONTEMPT OF THE SENATE

The resolution (S. Res. 307) to cite Leon J. Kamin for contempt of the Senate was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

Mr. HENDRICKSON. Mr. President, may we have an explanation of the resolution?

Mr. McCARTHY. I shall be glad to make an explanation.

This is the case of Leon J. Kamin. On January 15, 1954, at Boston, Mass., Kamin testified before the investigating committee that he was a research assistant at Harvard. He admitted that he had been a member of the Communist Party from November of 1945 until January of 1946. He said he dropped out and rejoined the party in 1947 and remained a member of the Communist Party until 1950. He admitted that he was a paid functionary of the Communist Party, and that his name in the Communist Party was Leo Soft, which name he used while writing articles for the Daily Worker.

On eight different occasions Kamin refused to answer questions concerning the identity of other individuals he knew to be Communists and who were employed in handling classified defense work for the United States Government.

He did not invoke the fifth amendment. In other words, he said, "Yes; I was a Communist from 1945 to 1946 and from 1947 to 1950. I knew other Communists worked in handling classified Government work."

We asked him to name them, and he refused to do so. He did not invoke the fifth amendment. If he had, I believe he would not have been subject to citation for contempt.

On two occasions he declined to answer on the grounds of good conscience, under the first amendment. On the other occasions he merely refused to answer, invoking the privilege of no amendment to the Constitution whatsoever.

Mr. HENDRICKSON. I thank the Senator.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution (S. Res. 307) to cite Leon J. Kamin for contempt of the Senate was considered and agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the President of the Senate certify the report of the Committee on Government Operations of the United States Senate as to the refusal of Leon J. Kamin to answer questions before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, said refusal to answer being pertinent to the subject matter under inquiry, together with all the facts in connection therewith, under

the seal of the United States Senate to the United States attorney for the District of the State of Massachusetts, to the end that the said Leon J. Kamin may be proceeded against in the manner and form provided by law.

#### CONCEALING OF PERSONS FROM ARREST

The bill (H. R. 7486) to amend section 1071 of title 18, United States Code, relating to the concealing of persons from arrest, so as to increase the penalties therein provided, was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (S. 26) to amend chapter 19, title 5, of the United States Code, entitled "Administrative Procedure," so as to prohibit the employment by any person of any member, official, attorney, or employee of a Government agency except under certain conditions was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. GORE. Over.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be passed over.

#### PUNISHMENT OF PERSONS WHO JUMP BAIL

The bill (H. R. 8658) to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the punishment of persons who jump bail was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### REGULATION OF ADMISSION TO VIRGIN ISLANDS OF INFESTED OR INFECTED CATTLE OR CHICKENS

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3800) to amend section 6 of the act of August 30, 1890, as amended, and section 2 of the act of February 2, 1903, as amended, which had been reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry with an amendment, on page 2, line 5, after the word "freed", to strike out "therefrom." and insert "therefrom."", so as to make the bill read:

*Be it enacted, etc.*, That section 6 of the act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 414, 416; 21 U. S. C. 104), entitled "An act providing for an inspection of meats for exportation, prohibiting the importation of adulterated articles of food or drink, and authorizing the President to make proclamation in certain cases, and for other purposes," as amended, is further amended by deleting the words "and the admission into the Virgin Islands" immediately following the word "Texas" in the first sentence of such section; deleting the period at the end of such sentence; and adding the following clause after the word "therefrom" in such sentence: ", and the admission from the British Virgin Islands into the Virgin Islands of the United States, for slaughter only, of cattle which have been infested with or exposed to ticks upon being freed therefrom."

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Act of February 2, 1903 (32 Stat. 791, 792; 21 U. S. C. 111), entitled "An act to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to more effectually suppress and prevent the spread of contagious and in-

fectious diseases of livestock, and for other purposes", as amended, is further amended by deleting the proviso reading: "": *Provided*, That no such regulations or measures shall pertain to the introduction of live poultry into the Virgin Islands of the United States."

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

The bill (H. R. 6393) granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact, was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. ELLENDER. Mr. President, this bill would give the consent of Congress to Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas to enter into the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact. That compact is similar to the northeastern and southeastern forest fire protection compacts which have heretofore been approved by Congress. It provides for cooperation in the prevention and suppression of forest fires. Each member State would, first, formulate its own forest fire plan and integrate it with a regional forest fire plan formulated by compact administrators; second, render assistance to other States upon request; and third, be given—for itself and its employees—certain duties, rights, privileges, immunities, and responsibilities necessary to effectuation of the compact. The Department of Agriculture would be authorized to act as primary research and coordinating agency and to make recommendations with respect to the regional fire plan. The Department has indicated that this would not require additional direct Federal expenditures.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the bill was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### BILL PASSED OVER

The bill (H. R. 8193) to amend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 was announced as next in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. GORE. Over.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be passed over.

#### MONIEK LEMBERGER AND OTHERS

The bill (S. 575) for the relief of Moniek Lemberger, Frida Lemberger, and Peysach Lemberger was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.*, That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Moniek Lemberger, Frida Lemberger, and Peysach Lemberger shall be held and con-



sidered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act upon payment of the required visa fee. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such aliens as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct three numbers from the appropriate quota or quotas for the first year that such quota or quotas are available.

#### KURT GLASER

The bill (S. 1083) for the relief of Kurt Glaser was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Kurt Glaser shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act, upon payment of the required visa fee. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

#### CHARALAMPOS SOCRATES IOSSIFOGLU AND OTHERS

The bill (S. 1291) for the relief of Charalampos Socrates Iossifoglu, Nora Iossifoglu, Helen Iossifoglu, and Efrossini Iossifoglu was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Charalampos Socrates Iossifoglu, Nora Iossifoglu, Helen Iossifoglu, and Efrossini Iossifoglu shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act, upon payment of the required visa fees. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such aliens as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct the required numbers from the appropriate quota or quotas for the first year that such quota or quotas are available.

#### GERARD LUCIEN DANDURAND

The bill (S. 1417) for the relief of Gerard Lucien Dandurand was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That the Attorney General is authorized and directed to discontinue any deportation proceedings and to cancel any outstanding order and warrant of deportation, warrant of arrest, and bond, which may have been issued in the case of Gerard Lucien Dandurand. From and after the date of enactment of this act, the said Gerard Lucien Dandurand shall not again be subject to deportation by reason of the same facts upon which such deportation proceedings were commenced or any such warrants and order have issued.

#### CONSTANTINOS PANTERMALIS

The bill (S. 1622) for the relief of Constantinos Pantermalis was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Constantinos Pantermalis shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act upon payment of the required visa fee. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

#### ALEXY W. KATYLL AND IOANNA KATYLL

The bill (S. 2010) for the relief of Alexy W. Katyll and Ioanna Katyll was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Alexy W. Katyll and Ioanna Katyll shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act, upon payment of the required visa fees. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such aliens as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct two numbers from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

#### DEBORAH JORDAN WILLIAMS (GRACE YOKO WATANABE)

The bill (S. 2056) for the relief of Deborah Jordan Williams (Grace Yoko Watanabe) was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, for the purposes of sections 101 (a) (27) (A) and 205 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the minor child, Deborah Jordan Williams (Grace Yoko Watanabe), shall be held and considered to be the natural-born alien child of Maj. and Mrs. Robert Willoughby Williams, citizens of the United States.

#### GARABED PAPAZIAN

The bill (S. 2329) for the relief of Garabed Papazian was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Garabed Papazian shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act, upon payment of the required visa fee. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

#### DAVID WEI-DAO LEA AND JULIA AN-FONG WANG LEA

The bill (S. 2452) for the relief of David Wei-Dao Lea and Julia An-Fong Wang Lea was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, David Wei-Dao Lea and Julia An-Fong Wang

Lea shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act, upon payment of the required visa fees. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such aliens as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct the required numbers from the appropriate quota or quotas for the first year that such quota or quotas are available.

#### LUPE M. GONZALEZ

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 2525) for the relief of Lupe M. Gonzalez which had been reported from the Committee on the Judiciary with an amendment, in line 7, after the word "fee.", to strike out "Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available", so as to make the bill read:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Lupe M. Gonzalez shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act, upon payment of the required visa fee.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### DR. LUCIANO A. LEGIARDI-LAURA

The bill (S. 2613) for the relief of Dr. Luciano A. Legiardi-Laura was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That Dr. Luciano A. Legiardi-Laura, who lost United States citizenship under the provisions of the first paragraph of section 2 of the act of March 2, 1907, may be naturalized by taking, prior to 1 year after the date of enactment of this act, before any court referred to in subsection (a) of section 310 of the Immigration and Nationality Act or before any diplomatic or consular officer of the United States abroad, an oath as prescribed by section 337 of such act. From and after naturalization under this act, the said Dr. Luciano A. Legiardi-Laura shall have the same citizenship status as that which existed immediately prior to its loss.

#### ESTHER JOANNE POTTER

The bill (S. 2640) for the relief of Esther Joanne Potter was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

*Be it enacted, etc.,* That, for the purposes of sections 101 (a) (27) (A) and 205 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the minor child, Esther Joanne Potter, shall be held and considered to be the natural-born alien child of Mr. and Mrs. Gail M. Potter, citizens of the United States.

#### VICTORIANA AREITIO BERINCUA

The bill (S. 2646) for the relief of Victoriana Areitio Berincua was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a

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AN ACT

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given to any two or more of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas to enter into the following compact relating to the prevention and control of forest fires in the South Central region of the United States.

South Central  
Interstate Forest  
Fire Protection  
Compact.  
Consent of Con-  
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The compact reads as follows:

"SOUTH CENTRAL INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

"ARTICLE I

"The purpose of this compact is to promote effective prevention and control of forest fires in the South Central region of the United States by the development of integrated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate forest fire fighting services by the member states, by providing for mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the compacting states of the region and with states which are party to other Regional Forest Fire Protection compacts or agreements, and for more adequate forest development.

"ARTICLE II

"This compact shall become operative immediately as to those states ratifying it whenever any two or more of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas which are contiguous have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto. Any state not mentioned in this article which is contiguous with any member state may become a party to this compact, subject to approval by the legislature of each of the member states.

"ARTICLE III

"In each state, the state forester or officer holding the equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control shall act as compact administrator for that state and shall consult with like officials of the other member states and shall implement cooperation between such states in forest fire prevention and control.

"The compact administrators of the member states shall organize to coordinate the services of the member states and provide administrative integration in carrying out the purposes of this compact.

"There shall be established an advisory committee of legislators, forestry commission representatives, and forestry or forest products industries representatives which shall meet from time to time with the compact administrators. Each member state shall name one member of the Senate and one member of the House of Representatives, and the Governor of each member state shall appoint one representative who shall be the chairman of the state forestry commission or comparable official and one representative who shall be associated with forestry or forest products industries to comprise the membership of the advisory committee. Action shall be taken by a majority of the compacting states, and each state shall be entitled to one vote.

"The compact administrators shall formulate and, in accordance with need, from time to time, revise a regional forest fire plan for the member states.



"It shall be the duty of each member state to formulate and put in effect a forest fire plan for that state and take such measures as may be necessary to integrate such forest fire plan with the regional forest fire plan formulated by the compact administrators.

"ARTICLE IV

"Whenever the state forest fire control agency of a member state requests aid from the state forest fire control agency of any other member state in combating, controlling or preventing forest fires, it shall be the duty of the state forest fire control agency of that state to render all possible aid to the requesting agency which is consonant with the maintenance of protection at home.

"ARTICLE V

"Whenever the forces of any member state are rendering outside aid pursuant to the request of another member state under this compact, the employees of such state shall, under the direction of the officers of the state to which they are rendering aid, have the same powers (except the power of arrest), duties, rights, privileges and immunities as comparable employees of the state to which they are rendering aid.

"No member state or its officers or employees rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be liable on account of any act or omission on the part of such forces while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed as relieving any person from liability for his own negligent act or omission, or as imposing liability for such negligent act or omission upon any state.

"All liability, except as otherwise provided hereinafter, that may arise either under the laws of the requesting state or under the laws of the aiding state or under the laws of a third state on account of or in connection with a request for aid, shall be assumed and borne by the requesting state.

"Any member state rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact shall be reimbursed by the member state receiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in the operation of any equipment answering a request for aid, and for the cost of all materials, transportation, wages, salaries, and maintenance of employees and equipment incurred in connection with such request: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall prevent any assisting member state from assuming such loss, damage, expense or other cost or from loaning such equipment or from donating such service to the receiving member state without charge or cost.

"Each member state shall provide for the payment of compensation and death benefits to injured employees and the representatives of deceased employees in case employees sustain injuries or are killed while rendering outside aid pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within such state.

"For the purposes of this compact the term employee shall include any volunteer or auxiliary legally included within the forest fire fighting forces of the aiding state under the laws thereof.

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"The compact administrators shall formulate procedures for claims and reimbursement under the provisions of this article, in accordance with the laws of the member states.

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"ARTICLE VI

"Ratification of this compact shall not be construed to affect any existing statute so as to authorize or permit curtailment or diminution of the forest fire fighting forces, equipment, services or facilities of any member state.

"Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit or restrict the powers of any state ratifying the same to provide for the prevention, control and extinguishment of forest fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of state laws, rules or regulations intended to aid in such prevention, control and extinguishment in such state.

"Nothing in this compact shall be construed to affect any existing or future cooperative relationship or arrangement between the United States Forest Service and a member state or states.

"ARTICLE VII

"The compact administrators may request the United States Forest Service to act as the primary research and coordinating agency of the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact in cooperation with the appropriate agencies in each state, and the United States Forest Service may accept the initial responsibility in preparing and presenting to the compact administrators its recommendations with respect to the regional fire plan. Representatives of the United States Forest Service may attend meetings of the compact administrators.

"ARTICLE VIII

"The provisions of Articles IV and V of this compact which relate to mutual aid in combating, controlling or preventing forest fires shall be operative as between any state party to this compact and any other state which is party to a regional forest fire protection compact in another region: *Provided*, That the legislature of such other state shall have given its assent to such mutual aid provisions of this compact.

"ARTICLE IX

"This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each state ratifying it until the legislature or the Governor of such state takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until six months after notice thereof has been sent by the chief executive of the state desiring to withdraw to the chief executives of all states then parties to the compact."

Approved August 24, 1954.







